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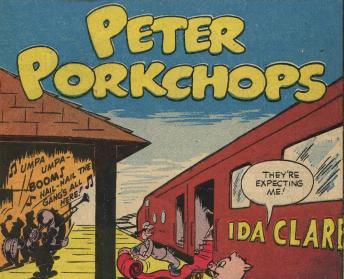
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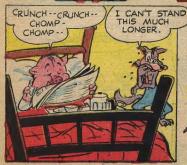
























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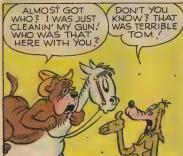
















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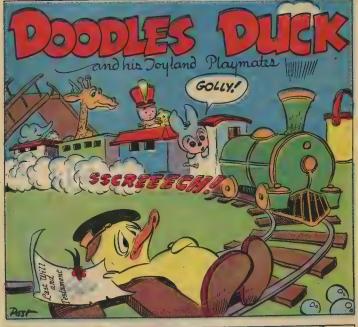














































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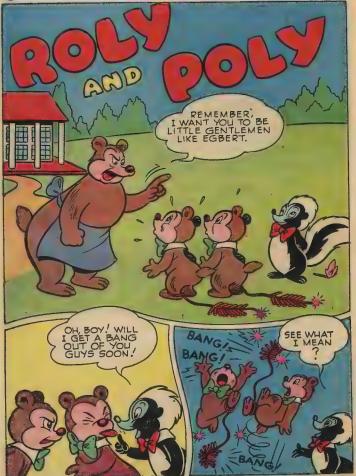
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SOMETHING IN THE TREE,











































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IN THROUGH
MY BEDROOM
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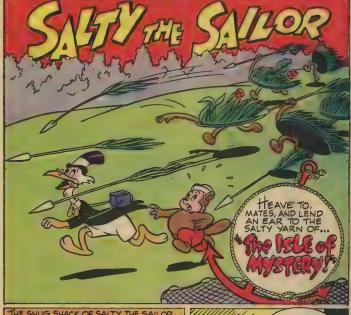
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HOW THE TURTLE GOT HIS HOUSE

As the last golden rays of the sun fell below the far horizon, the great yellow globe of a moon began its bright climb up into the night sky. All about, the trees and bushes and hills of the forest echoed with the calls of the forest folk preparing for another night of sleep. Tree toads trilled their last chirping calls that sounded like a shrill "Go-to-sleep! Go-to-sleep!" And the first owl began his long, sad question of "Who-o-o? Who-o-o?"

Quickly, all the sleepy folk began to settle down for the long hours of rest. Stevie Squirrel snuggled into his soft couch of oak acorns and started to nibble on a last nut. Cora Crow ruffled her feathers and took one last look around before dozing off in her cozy nest. Big Bernard Bear went way back into the warm darkness of his cave in the hillside, and in a few minutes the first sleepy snores of a drowsy world could be heard on, the soft wind. But suddenly a sharp little voice

underneath a giant oak tree cut through the silence of the night. "All you folks have to find a nest or a cave or a house to sleep in. Hohoho! Thank goodness, I'm a lot luckier than that! I always carry my house around with me." From up in that tree. Patrick Parrot turned his Irish blue eye down at the voice that came from the shadows below. "HARUMPF! Shure and begorra if it isn't Tommy Turtle!"

"I didn't mean to wake you up, Pat. And I didn't intend to boast. I just suddenly felt so proud of the fact that all I have to do to go to sleep is to pull in my legs and arms inside my shell, house."

Pat chuckled a soft laugh down at Tommy Turtle. "Shure and sometimes I wish that I had as perfect-fitting a house as you have. Your shell must come in very handy when you go on a trip. Imagine being able to carry around your own hotel room. There aren't many folk that are as lucky as that, not with the housing shortage that we have nowadays. Why, there isn't an empty apartment or tree or cave in this whole forest city."

By this time the conversation between Tommy and Pat had quite a few listeners. Bernard Bear poked his head out of his cave door to see what was going on. And every bush and tree for yards and yards around had wide-awake sparkling eyes looking out of them. And three startled rabbits held up their big ears to catch every word of Pat's. Then one rabbit popped the question that was always sure to start Patrick Parrot off on a story. "Doesn't that remind you of something, Pat?" piped up the rabbit. "Tommy Turtle ever get that house of his anyway?"

Philo Fox, who was just getting started on his round of moonlight prowling happened to be passing by at that moment, and he added his voice to the rabbit's. "Sure, go ahead and tell us one of those truth-stretching fables of yours, Patrick. You've got the whole forest wide awake anyway."

Patrick glared down at Philoand lashed him with a sharp little speech. "Oh, so my nightrunning foxy friend is disturbed because everybody's awake at my words, ch? Maybe it's because Farmer Brown's chickens will be awake too. And maybe that will spoil Philo Fox's plans about supper!"

Philo Fox mumbled something under his breath that sounded like, "That old bird is too wise. If only I could get my teeth into him some night. . ."

And as Philo kept muttering, Patrick's triumphant laughter rang through the woods and acted like a bugle call for all the forest folk. Everyone from all about came trooping to rest under Patrick'a tree, and each newcomer took up the rabbit's insistent cry until there was a chorus under Pat's perch. "STORY! STORY! We want a story about Tommy Turtie!"

Patrick ruffled his feathers proudly. He always liked an interested audience "Well, if all you folks insist, and if you can get Philo Fox to stop making those noises of disgust HO. HOHO! this is what I know about how Formmy Turtle got the house he now wears and lives in

"Once upon a time, billions of years ago, one of Tommy's ancestors named Mr Timothy Turtle, Esq. took a long trip to a new city The way Timothy traveled, it was a long trip. You all know about how s-lo-w-l-y turtles travel even today. And this Timothy Ancestor Turtle wasn't too much faster Even though he didn't have to carry around a shell house.

"But at the end of his trip, when Ancestor Timothy tried to get a room for the night

there just wasn't a vacancy to be had. Seems every botel and tree lodging and bush barn and every type of shelter was all filled up. Well, Ancestor Timothy just had to get a room. You see, he didn't have any shell house. Tim was just a lightly dressed little fellow, and the night was awfully cold. And it kept getting colder as Tim tramped wearily from one hotel to the other, asking and pleading and even begging for a room. But every place had signs out NO VACANCES! NO



LODGERS TAKEN! Tim was

"At the last hotel that Timothy visited, he practically got down on his knees to the room clerk. 'You've just got to take me in!' pleaded Mr. T Ancestor Turtle. 'I'm an honest, working stone mason and I'm tired from my long trip. And. I need a comfy place to rest in...'

"But the smart-aleck room clerk wouldn't listen to Timothy and wouldn't give him a room. I think that wise-guy clerk was a fox. Foxes have always been smartalecks," continued Patrick with a sharp glance down at the stillmuttering Philo Fox.

"That Ancestor Fox just told Ancestor Timothy Turtle to go build a house of his own, 'You're a stone mason, aren't you?' sneered the fox. 'So why don't you just chip and chop yourself out a

house?'

"That speech gave Timothy Ancestor an idea. Tim just stamped out of that hotel and went across the street to a nice, smooth, round rock that was lying in an open field And he took out his hammer and chisel and began to pound away at that rock, And after a couple of hours of desperate chipping, lo and behold! Timothy Ancestor Turtle had a flat and comfortable one-room cover that he could slip into And it fitted him so perfectly that he slept soundly all through that night

"The next morning, that rock shelter looked so good to Tim that he-just put a few extra finishing chops to it and made openings for his arms and legs and head. And ever since then ..."

That was too much for Philo Fox. "That's the biggest whopper you've told yet And there's so much blamey in it that you'll never get anybody to believe it!"

"Oh, yeah?" sneered Patrick.
"What is there about that story
that you don't understand or believe?" The other forest folk just
rested and listened to the Patrick
Parrot-Philo Fox debate. "

Philo began eagerly. "Here's



what's wrong. First of all, a turtle's house isn't made of stone and second of all, no turtle could lug around such a heavy house —and . . "

Patrick out in and interrupted Philo. "I was just about to explain all that, you simpleton! Why don't you keep up with science? You see, I never said that Timothy Ancestor Turtle walked off with that first stone house. He just used that as a model. And when he perfected it, he had a scientist friend make him an exact copy in plastic. And that'e the latest model that Tommy Turtle there is carrying around right now. A plastic shell that's light and smooth and comfy and fits just right."

Philo Fox was so taken by surprise that he didn't have an answer He just snorted in disgust and turned helplessly to Tommy Turtle as though asking for his sympathy

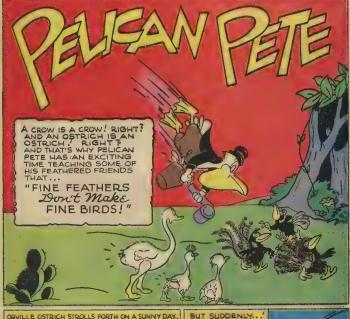
And as the forest folk began to head back to their lodgings for the night, Tommy Turtle winked up at Patrick Parrot and put an end to Pat's story "Well," piped Tommy, "there's a lot of truth in that fable we just heard. This shell house I wear feels like plastic

and it fits me perfectly
and it protects me whenever any
prowling fox tries to get his teeth
into me. All I have to do is close
up the exits for my arms and
legs and head and stay shut
up."

Philo Fox shut up too, and shank silently away.

























































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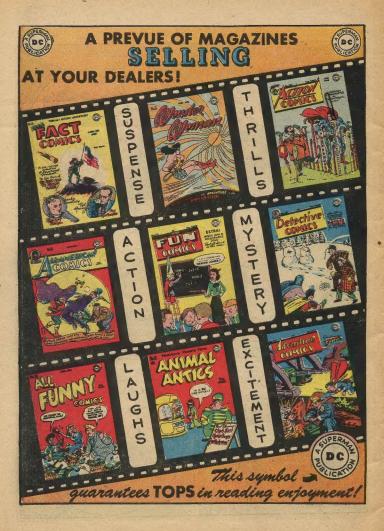
















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